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SUBJECT: TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE: BOEING MARINE
SYSTEMS (GOJ SHIP CERTIFICATION INSPECTION PROCEDURES)
REF: STATE 123511

SUMMARY: BOEING MARINE REP HAS TOLD US THERE ARE NEW ELEMENTS IN CASE AND REQUESTED EMBASSY NOT RAISE MATTER OF ON-SITE JETFOIL INSPECTION WITH MOT SHIP BUREAU UNTIL JAPANESE AGENTS, SUMITOMO TRADING, CAN MEET WITH US WEEK OF MAY 22. TIME ELEMENT NOT NOW CRUCIAL SINCE IT APPEARS MOT, FOR OTHER REASONS, COULD NOT COME TO BOEING UNTIL FALL BUT WILL BE WILLING TO INSPECT WHATEVER JETFOIL IS THEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SUMITOMO TRADING. EMBASSY RESERVES JUDGMENT WHETHER CASE NEEDS TO BE RAISED IN TFC. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT CASE BY TELEPHONE
MAY 16 WITH BOEING MARINE REP R. ANDREWS WHO IS ON BUSINESS TRIP IN WESTERN JAPAN WITH BOEING MARINE'S LOCAL AGENT SUMITOMO TRADING CO. ANDREWS SAID BOEING REP VARNUM, MENTIONED REFTEL, HAD RETURNED UNCLASSIFIED

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TO U.S. MAY 16. HE REQUESTED THAT BEFORE EMBASSY CONTACTS MOT SHIP BUREAU WE MEET WITH SUMITOMO REPS WHO WILL BE BACK IN TOKYO WEEK OF MAY 22 (ANDREWS HIMSELF RETURNS TO U.S. SATURDAY, MAY 20) FOR UPDATE ON SITUATION.

2. ANDREWS SAID TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED IS NOT NOW

CRUCIAL SINCE SHIP BUREAU TOLD BOEING MAY 15 THAT EVEN IF MONEY TO FINANCE ON-SITE INSPECTION OF JETFOIL CONSTRUCTION IS MADE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY, OTHER COMMITMENTS PRECLUDE THEIR INSPECTORS COMING TO RENTON UNTIL AT LEAST LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL. ALTHOUGH JETFOIL IN QUESTION WILL BE BUILT AND LAUNCHED BY THEN ANDREWS SAID SHIP BUREAU OFFICIALS INDICATED THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AT WHATEVER JETFOIL IS THEN UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS WELL AS LAUNCHED VESSEL; THIS MIGHT SATISFY THEIR INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS.

3. EMBASSY WILL REPORT FURTHER AFTER MEETING WITH SUMITOMO TRADING CO; WE RESERVE JUDGMENT AT THIS POINT WHETHER CASE NEED BE RAISED IN TFC.

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